

Regular Meeting Gravette City Council

April 28, 2011

6:00 pm

401 Charlotte Street SE

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Warren at 6:00 p.m. A roll call attendance was taken. Tina Crose here, Larry Stidham here, Bill Howard here, Jimmy Denver here and John Rambadt here. Melissa Smith was absent. City Attorney Tom Smith and City Recorder/Treasurer Mike von Ree were present. Joe Tarvin of EGIS Engineering gave an opening prayer. Mayor Warren led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion to Approve Agenda

A motion was made by Crose to approve the agenda for the meeting. Stidham seconded the motion. A vote was taken, all ayes, motion passed.

Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting 3/24/2011

Minutes of the March 24, 2011 Council Meeting were reviewed. Rambadt made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Stidham seconded the motion. A vote was taken, all ayes, motion passed.

Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meetings 4/14/11 & 4/19/11

Minutes of the March 14/19, 2011 Committee of the Whole Meetings were reviewed. Howard asked for a correction to a statement he made under Police Department reports the he questioned the 12 to 14 hour shifts not the 8:00 to 5:00 schedule. Howard also noted typing errors on page 4. Rambadt made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected. Denver seconded the motion. A vote was taken, all ayes, motion passed.

Minutes of the Special Council Meeting 4/5/11

Minutes were unavailable for this meeting.

New Business

Selection of Engineering Firm of Waste Water Plant Upgrade

Mayor Warren told the council that after reviewing the specifications of qualifications, he recommended EGIS engineering. Joe Tarvin, president of EGIS gave a brief presentation. Mr. Tarvin told the council he would work at an hourly rate until the full scope of the work can be determined and a contract can be written. Howard made a motion to approve the selection of EGIS Engineering. Denver seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, Crose aye, Stidham aye, Howard aye, Denver aye, Rambadt aye, all ayes, motion passed.

Braum Ambulance Service

Cruse made a motion to table the issue to the May Committee of the Whole meeting. Denver seconded the motion. A vote was taken, all ayes, motion passed.

Planning Commission

Mayor Warren told the council that a new statute had been passed by the state allowing the city council in incorporated towns and cities of the second class to use their city council as its planning commission. After some discussion, Denver made a motion to table the issue to the May Committee of the Whole meeting. Stidham seconded the motion. A vote was taken, all ayes, motion passed.

Boys and Girls Club Contract

Stidham made a motion to approve the Boys and Girls Club contract as presented. Denver seconded the motion. A vote was taken, all ayes, motion passed.

Resolution for On-Line Payment of Water Bills

Attorney Smith read a resolution to authorize on-line payments of water bills. Howard made a motion to approve the resolution as read. Cruse seconded the motion. A vote was taken, all ayes, motion passed. The resolution number is 042811-A.

Reverse 911 Alert System

Mayor Warren explained how the alert system functioned. All land lines will receive warning of pending emergencies, i.e., thunderstorms, tornadoes, etc. Cellular phone can be added to the system by request. Denver made a motion to approve the city's enrollment in the alert system. Cruse seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, Cruse aye, Stidham aye, Howard aye, Denver aye, Rambadt aye, all ayes, motion passed. The cost to the city will be \$1,000 per year or \$.39 cents per capita.

Ordinance for Day Care Center

No copy of this ordinance was available. The issue was tabled to the May Committee of the Whole meeting.

Comments from Council Members:

Rambadt thanked Mayor Warren for his due diligence in researching and securing the new engineering firm for the waste water project.

Comments from the City Attorney:

Attorney Smith noted that McGoodwin, Williams and Yates submitted their final bill for engineering services. Payment will be made once the bonds are issued for the project.

Comments from the Mayor:

Mayor Warren told the council that Congressman Womack visited the city. In toured the museum, library and pool. The Congressman gave the Mayor a contact number for one of his staff. Congressman Womack will do what he can to help with funding for infrastructure needs in Gravette.

The Mayor also mentioned the increasing incidents of vandalism in Kindley Park and the Main Lift Station. He has requested extra patrols by the police department.

A motion to adjourn was made by Rambadt and seconded by Crose. A vote was taken, all ayes, motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

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Michael von Ree
City Recorder/Treasurer